

## Claims

1. A mobile communications terminal,  
with a display unit (13) for the visual  
5 presentation of communications information  
relating to a communications connection and  
miscellaneous user information, the miscellaneous  
user information being presented on the display  
unit (13) at least in the absence of  
10 communications information which is to be  
presented, and  
with a display controller (11) to control the  
presentation of information on the display unit  
(13),  
15 characterized in that  
the display unit (13) is divided into a first  
partial area (16) and a second partial area (15),  
the first partial area (16) being provided  
exclusively for the presentation of communications  
20 information, and the second partial area (15)  
being provided for the presentation of  
miscellaneous user information, and  
the display controller (11) is designed in such a  
way that, in the absence of communications  
25 information which is to be presented, it activates  
only the second partial area (15) of the display  
unit (13) for the presentation of miscellaneous  
user information and deactivates the first partial  
area (16) of the display unit.  
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2. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in  
claim 1,  
characterized in that  
the display unit (13) is designed for the visual  
35 presentation of multimedia information as  
communications information.

3. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the display unit (13) is formed by a single-part, alphanumeric active-matrix liquid crystal color display.
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4. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in one of the previous claims, characterized in that the surface of the second partial area (15) is smaller than the surface of the first partial area (16) of the display unit (13).
5. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in one of the previous claims, characterized in that the display controller (11) is designed in such a way that the display unit (13) is cyclically refreshed with picture information, the display controller (11), in the absence of communications information which is to be presented, cyclically refreshing only the second partial area (15) of the display unit (13), whereas the first partial area (16) remains deactivated.
6. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the display controller (11) is designed in such a way that, in the absence of communications information which is to be presented on the display (13), it cyclically refreshes only the pixel lines (14) of the second partial area (15) of the display unit (13).
7. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the display controller (11) is connected to counting means (12) which count the pixel lines (14) refreshed by the display controller (11), the display controller (11), in the absence of communications information which is to be presented on the display unit (13), suppresses the

refresh of a pixel line (14) if the counter level of the counting means (12) indicates a pixel line (14) belonging to the first partial area (16) of the display unit (13).

8. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in claim 7,  
characterized in that  
the display controller (11) comprises the counting  
means (12).
9. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in claim 7,  
characterized in that  
the display controller (11) is connected to  
external counting means (12), said counting means  
(12), on reaching a counter level which indicates  
a pixel line (14) belonging to the first partial  
area (16) of the display unit (13), disables the  
refresh of the pixel line (14) by the display  
controller (11).
10. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in one of claims 7 to 9,  
characterized in that  
the counter level of the counting means (12) is  
reset with each refresh cycle of the display  
controller (11).
11. The mobile communications terminal according to one of claims 5 to 10,  
characterized in that  
the display controller (11) is designed in such a  
way that, in the presence of communications  
information which is to be presented on the  
display unit (13), it jointly refreshes the first  
partial area (16) and the second partial area (15)  
of the display unit (13) by supplying  
corresponding picture information.
12. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in one of the previous claims,  
characterized in that

the second partial area (15) of the display unit (13) provided for the presentation of miscellaneous user information is disposed in the circumferential area of the display unit (13).

13. The mobile communications terminal as claimed in claim 12,  
characterized in that  
the second partial area (16) of the display unit  
5 (13) provided for the presentation of  
miscellaneous user information is disposed on the  
upper or lower edge of the display unit (13).